

Recall:

- C = curve w/ parametrization

$$\vec{r}(t), a \leq t \leq b.$$

$\vec{F}$ = vector field.

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

EX: Let $\vec{F}(x, y, z) = \langle 2x \ln(y), \frac{x^2}{y} + z^2, 2yz \rangle$
and C is a curve with parametrization $\vec{r}(t) = \langle t^2, t, t \rangle$, $1 \leq t \leq e$.

Then let's compute

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_1^e \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt.$$

$$\vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) = \vec{F}(t^2, t, t)$$

$$= \langle 2t^2 \ln(t), t^3 + t^2, 2t^2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}'_e(t) = \langle 2t, 1, 1 \rangle. \text{ Then}$$

$$\int_1^e \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

$$= \int_1^e \langle 2t^2 \ln(t), t^3 + t^2, 2t^2 \rangle \cdot \langle 2t, 1, 1 \rangle dt$$

$$= \int_1^e 4t^3 \ln(t) + t^3 + t^2 + 2t^2 dt$$

$$= \left[\frac{t^4}{4} + t^3 \right]_1^e + \int_1^e 4t^3 \ln(t) dt$$

$$= \left[\frac{e^4 - 1}{4} + e^3 - 1 \right] + \left[t^4 \ln(t) \right]_1^e$$

$$- \int_1^e t^4 \cdot \frac{1}{t} dt = \left(\frac{e^4 - 1}{4} + e^3 - 1 \right)$$

$$+ \left(\overbrace{e^4 \ln(e)}^= \right) - \left[\frac{t^4}{4} \right]_1^e$$

$$= \left(\cancel{\frac{e^4 - 1}{4}} + e^3 - 1 \right) + e^4 - \left(\cancel{\frac{e^4 - 1}{4}} \right)$$

$$= e^4 + e^3 - 1.$$

§6.3 Conservative Vector fields

Recall that a vector field $\vec{F}$ is Conservative if $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ for some function f called a potential.

Also recall from Calc II:

$$\int_a^b \frac{df}{dx} dx = f(b) - f(a)$$

(fundamental theorem of Calculus)

Thm (Fundamental theorem of line integrals)

Let C be a curve with parametrization $\vec{r}(t)$, $a \leq t \leq b$, and let f be a differentiable function. Then

$$\int_C \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a))$$

Ex: Let's consider the previous example with

$$\vec{F}(x,y,z) = (2x \ln(y), \frac{x^2}{y} + z^2, 2yz).$$

Is this vector field conservative?

$$\vec{F} = \nabla f \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x \ln(y) & (1) \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{x^2}{y} + z^2 & (2) \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = 2yz & (3) \end{cases}$$

Integrate 1st eq: $f(x,y,z) = x^2 \ln(y) + g(y,z)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{x^2}{y} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{x^2}{y} + z^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = z^2 \Rightarrow g(y,z) = yz^2 + h(z).$$

So $f(x,y,z) = x^2 \ln(y) + yz^2 + h(z).$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = 2yz + h'(z) \stackrel{(3)}{=} 2yz$$
$$\Leftrightarrow h'(z) = 0 \Rightarrow h(z) = C$$

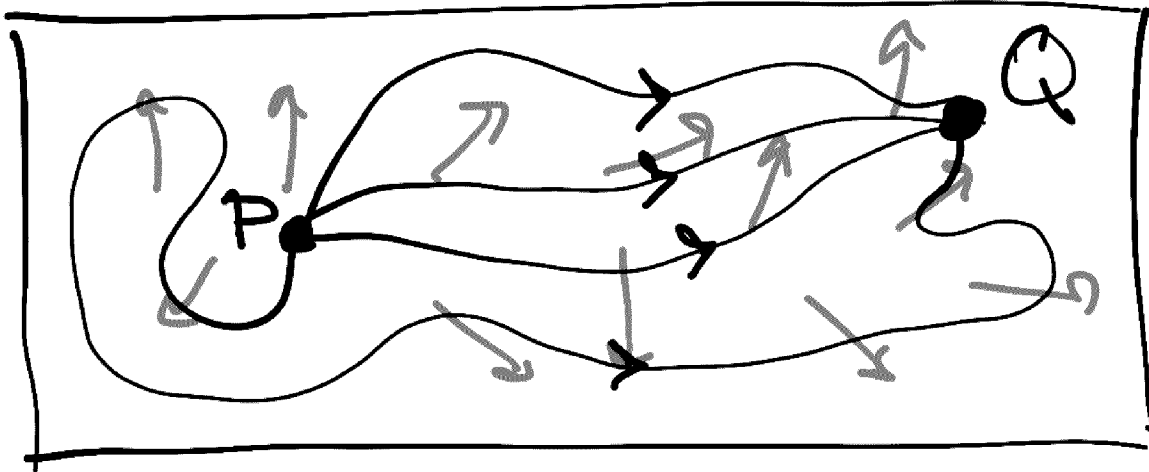
So $f(x,y,z) = x^2 \ln(y) + yz^2 + C$
is a potential:

$$\vec{F} = \nabla f.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} &= \int_C \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} \\ &= f(\vec{r}(e)) - f(\vec{r}(1)) \\ &= f(e^2, e, e) - f(1, 1, 1) \\ &= (e^4 \ln(e) + e^3 + C) - (1 \overset{=0}{\ln(1)} + 1 + C) \\ &= e^4 + e^3 - 1.\end{aligned}$$

If $\vec{F}$ is conservative, it's
only the endpoints of the path
that matters for $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$.

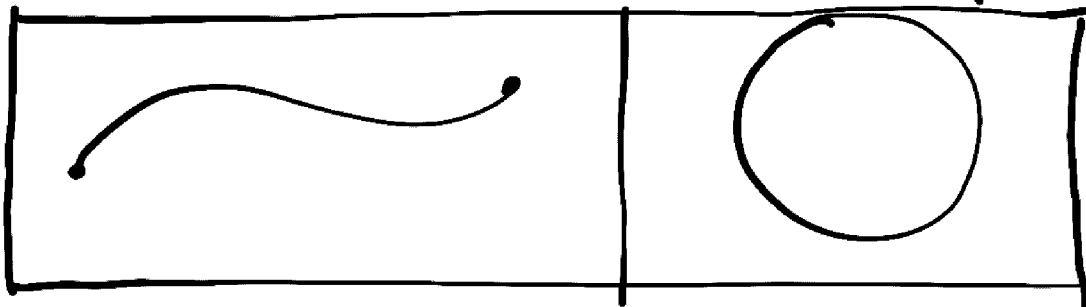


Only the value of the potential f of $\vec{F}$ at endpts P and Q matter for $\int_C \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r}$

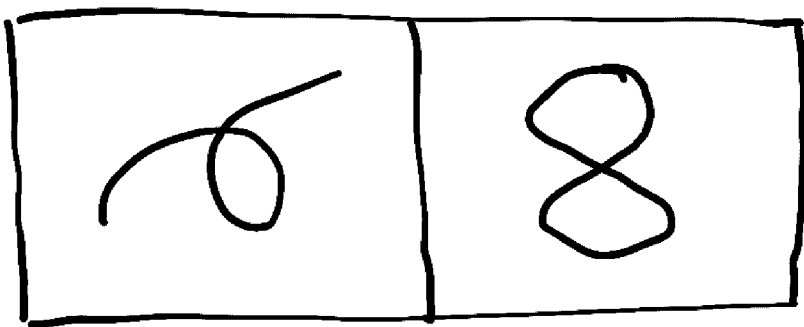
§6.4 Green's theorem

Def: A curve C in the plane is simple if it never intersects itself.

Ex: These curves are simple:



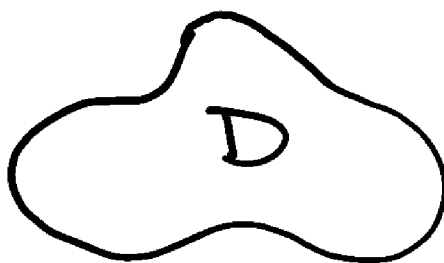
These are not:



Def. A domain in the xy -plane is called Simply Connected if "there are no holes."

Remark: The correct definition is that D is simply connected if any closed loop in D can be continuously shrunk to a point while remaining completely in D .

Ex: This domain is simply connected:



This is not:



Theorem (Green's theorem)

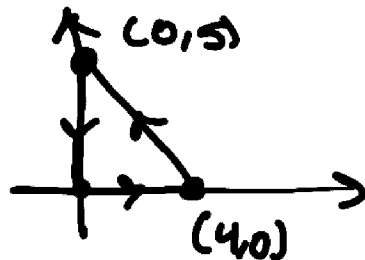
Let D be a simply connected domain, with boundary curve C that is simple, and oriented counterclockwise. Let

$\vec{F}(x,y) = \langle P(x,y), Q(x,y) \rangle$ be a vector field. Then

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dx dy$$

Ex: Consider $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ where

C is the curve



and $\vec{F}(x,y) = \langle y^2, 2xy+1 \rangle$.

Last time we computed $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 0$.

Let's now compute it using

Green's theorem instead.

$$\langle y^2, 2xy+1 \rangle = \langle P(x,y), Q(x,y) \rangle$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 2y - 2y, \text{ so}$$

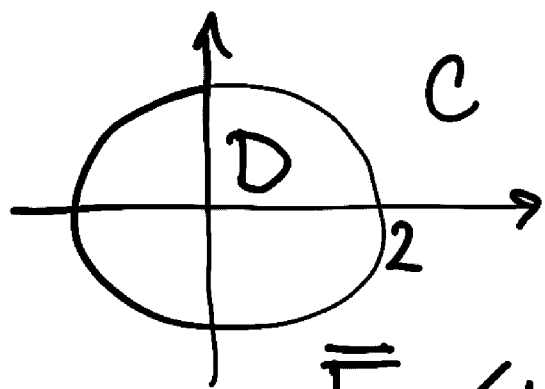
$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_D \underbrace{\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}}_{=0} dx dy = 0.$$

Ex: Let $\vec{F}(x,y) = \langle y + \sin x, e^y + x^2 \rangle$
and let C be the unit circle
with radius 2, oriented counter-
clockwise.

Let's calculate $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$.

You can try to calculate it
directly via the definition, but
it seems close to impossible.

We will use Green's theorem
instead!



$$D = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 4\}$$

$$\vec{F} = \langle y + \sin x, e^y + x^2 \rangle = \langle P, Q \rangle$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 2x$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 1$$

$$\text{so } \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_D (2x - 1) dx dy$$

Change to polar coords:

$$D = \{(r, \theta) \mid 0 \leq r \leq 2, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_D (2x - 1) dx dy &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 (2r \cos \theta - 1) r dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\frac{2r^3}{3} \cos \theta - \frac{r^2}{2} \right]_0^2 d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{16}{3} \cos \theta - 2 \right) d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left[-\frac{16}{3} \sin \theta - 2\theta \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= -\frac{16}{3} (1 - 1) - 4\pi = -4\pi$$